

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

DANAFARBER(CNS) Regimen

Dana Farber (CNS phase)

Disease Site Hematologic
Leukemia - Acute Lymphoblastic (ALL)

Intent Curative

Regimen Category **evidence-informed :**

Regimen is considered appropriate as part of the standard care of patients; meaningfully improves outcomes (survival, quality of life), tolerability or costs compared to alternatives (recommended by the Disease Site Team and national consensus body e.g. pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review, pCODR). Recommendation is based on an appropriately conducted phase III clinical trial relevant to the Canadian context OR (where phase III trials are not feasible) an appropriately sized phase II trial. Regimens where one or more drugs are not approved by Health Canada for any indication will be identified under Rationale and Use.

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The information provided in this document is intended for use only in the management of adults with leukemia, and for cancer centres with expertise in treating acute leukemia.

Supplementary Public Funding [mercaptopurine](#)
ODB - General Benefit (mercaptopurine)

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vinCRISTine	2 mg	IV	Day 1
DOXOrubicin	30 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
mercaptopurine	50 mg /m ²	PO	Days 1 to 14

Intrathecal Treatment (methotrexate + cytarabine + hydrocortisone):

methotrexate	12 mg	IT	Days 1, 4, 8, 11
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and

cytarabine	40 mg	IT	Days 1, 4, 8, 11
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and

hydrocortisone	15 * mg	IT	Days 1, 4, 8, 11
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*An alternative hydrocortisone dose of 50 mg IT may be used, based on local protocol

(Methotrexate, cytarabine and hydrocortisone can be admixed in the same syringe. Also refer to local protocols.)

The regimen details vary based on Ph status and patient age. Refer to local protocols.

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Moderate (D1)
Minimal (D4, 8, 11)

Other Supportive Care:

Also refer to [CCO Antiemetic Recommendations](#).

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit	1 to 1.5 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	20.151 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	59.167 minutes

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K - References

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